

Practitioner's Docket No. 63854-5003

**PATENT****Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-37 (canceled)

Claim 38 (currently amended): A method for forming a pressure-sensitive adhesive construction comprising the steps of:

applying a layer of pressure-sensitive adhesive to a release surface of a removable substrate;

simultaneously applying a film-forming material onto a surface of the pressure-sensitive adhesive layer to form a continuous film thereover and render the pressure-sensitive adhesive tack free, wherein the film-forming material has a viscosity that is within a range of viscosities that is compatible with the viscosity of the pressure-sensitive adhesive at a shear rate of approximately ~~40,000 s<sup>-1</sup>~~ 40,000 s<sup>-1</sup> and at a given application temperature;

laminating an overlaminant film layer onto the continuous film; and

forming a printed indicia onto one of the continuous film or a backside surface of the overlaminant film layer adjacent the continuous film.

Claim 39 (previously presented): The method as recited in claim 38 further comprising the step of heating one of the continuous film or the overlaminant film layer before the step of laminating to provide an adhesive surface for subsequent lamination with the other of the continuous film or the overlaminant film layer.

Claim 40 (currently amended): The method as recited in claim 38, wherein the continuous film is formed from a material having a viscosity within eight times ~~40,000 s<sup>-1</sup>~~ 40,000 s<sup>-1</sup> and at a given application temperature.

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Claim 41 (previously presented): The method as recited in claim 40, wherein the given application temperature is from about 150° to about 180°C.

Claim 42 (previously presented): The method as recited in claim 38 wherein the steps of applying the pressure-sensitive adhesive layer and applying the film-forming material are done in a single step.

Claim 43 (canceled)

Claim 44 (canceled)

Claim 45 (currently amended): A method for forming a pressure-sensitive adhesive construction comprising the steps of:

applying a pressure-sensitive adhesive material to a release surface of a removable substrate;

applying a film-forming material onto a surface of the pressure-sensitive adhesive material, while the pressure-sensitive adhesive material is in a non-final state, to form a continuous film thereover and render the pressure-sensitive adhesive tack free;

laminating an overlaminant film layer onto the continuous film;

forming a printed indicia onto one of the continuous film or a backside surface of the overlaminant film layer adjacent the continuous film;

wherein the steps of applying the pressure-sensitive adhesive material and applying the film-forming material are done simultaneously in a single step; and

wherein the film-forming material has a viscosity that is within a range of viscosities that is compatible with the viscosity of the pressure-sensitive adhesive material at a shear rate of approximately  $40,000\text{ s}^{-1}$  and  $40,000\text{ s}^{-1}$  and at a given application temperature.

Claims 46-48 (canceled)

Claim 49 (previously presented): A continuous method for forming an overlaminated pressure-sensitive adhesive construction comprising the steps of:

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forming a prelaminate pressure-sensitive adhesive construction comprising:  
applying a layer of pressure-sensitive adhesive material to a release surface of a removable substrate;  
applying a film-forming material onto a surface of the pressure-sensitive adhesive material to form a continuous film thereover and render the pressure-sensitive adhesive material tack free;  
forming a printed indicia onto a surface of the prelaminate pressure-sensitive construction; and  
applying an overlaminant film layer onto the surface of the printed indicia; and  
wherein the pressure-sensitive adhesive material and the film-forming material are applied simultaneously in a single step.

Claims 50-56 (canceled)